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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL CHANGES IN MINISTRY OF TIMBER AND WOOD-
PROCESSING INDUSTRY

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1. VISITING REPRESENTATIVES OF J.I. CASE ADVISED COMMATT AUGUST 20 THAT YE. K. STUPNEV HAD RECENTLY BEEN PROMOTED FROM CHIEF OF MAIN TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION TO FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER IN MINISTRY OF TIMBER AND WOOD-PROCESSING INDUSTRY. CASE REPS SAID THEY HAD IMPRESSION THAT OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES HAD BEEN MADE IN MINISTRY, BUT THEY HAD NO DETAILS.

2. COMMENT: MINISTRY OF TIMBER AND WOOD-PROCESSING INDUSTRY HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO RELATIVELY HEAVY CRITICISM IN SOVIET PRESS DURING LAST FEW YEARS, MUCH OF WHICH FOCUSED ON MINISTRY'S FAILURE TO UTILIZE EFFECTIVELY LARGE VOLUMES OF IMPORTED EQUIPMENT. COMMERCIAL OFFICE IS AWARE OF INSTANCES IN WHICH U.S.-PRODUCED EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR MINISTRY IS NOT BEING USED, A NOTABLE EXAMPLE BEING SAWMILL EQUIPMENT PURCHASED IN 1969 FROM STETSON-ROSS (SEATTLE) WHICH HAD NOT BEEN INSTALLED AS OF EARLY 1975. IN HIS PREVIOUS POSITION, STUPNEV WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING MINISTRY'S PURCHASES OF FOREIGN EQUIPMENT, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HIS ADVANCEMENT OVER THE HEADS OF NUMEROUS DEPUTY MINISTERS REFLECTS IN PART EFFORT TO IMPROVE THIS SITUATION. ACCORDING TO REPS OF CASE AND OTHER U.S. PRODUCERS OF TIMBER/WOOD PROCESSING EQUIPMENT, STUPNEV IS EXTREMELY CAPABLE. AT LEAST IN
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HIS PREVIOUS POSITION, HE WAS RELATIVELY ACCESSIBLE TO VISITING

U.S. BUSINESSMEN. CONFIRMATION OF STUPNEV'S PROMOTION WAS
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